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## PRAEFATIO \*)

### I. DE ANONYMO

Opusculum Anonymi de obsidione toleranda traditum est in corpore quodam scriptorum poliorceticorum et strategicorum<sup>1)</sup>. Inde editum est a Thevenot et De la Hire in editione „Veterum Mathematicorum, Athenaei, Bitonis, Apollodori, Heronis, Philonis et aliorum”, Parisiis a. 1693<sup>2)</sup>, quamquam, prorsus diversum a ceteris scriptis poliorceticis, nihil continet de rebus mathematicis. Postea denuo editum non est.

De Anonymo nihil scimus, nisi quod aliud opus nunc perditum scripsit *περὶ φανῶν*; dicit enim § 94: „*καθὼς ἐν τῷ περὶ φανῶν ἐδηλώσαμεν λόγῳ*”<sup>3)</sup>.

Vaticanus graecus 1164 et Barberinianus 276, qui continent corpus militare supra laudatum, scripti sunt saeculo XI ineunte<sup>4)</sup>, vel, quod attinet ad Vatic., saeculo X exeunte; cf. p. 9. Opusculum igitur de obsidione toleranda non post saeculum X scriptum est.

Non ante hoc saeculum scriptum esse iam viderunt Du Cange<sup>5)</sup>, Martin<sup>6)</sup>, C. Müller<sup>7)</sup>. Mentionem enim facit Anonymus § 113 *χειροσιφώνων* a Leone Sapienti, qui regnavit a. 886–912, inventorum<sup>8)</sup> et § 198 Thessalonicae a Saracenis expugnatae, a. 904<sup>9)</sup>. Si praeterea vera sunt, quae p. 18 de expugnatione *Κίτρους* disputavi, opusculum nostrum regnante Constantino Porphyrogenito (a. 912–959) scriptum esse putandum est<sup>10)</sup>.

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\*) Conspectus siglorum et abbreviationum ad praefationem quoque pertinet.

1) Cf. p. 4. 2) Cf. cap. vii. 3) Utrumque libellum partem fuisse maioris alicuius de re militari operis excerptis ex antiquis auctoribus haustis ornati suspicatus est Roos, *Prolegomena* (Groningae 1904), p. xxxi, adn. 1. 4) Cf. Vari in praefatione editionis Leonis Imperatoris *Tacticorum* p. xiii et xiv; A. Dain, *Les manuscrits d'Onésandros* (Paris 1930), p. 24: „L'examen de l'écriture amène à dater le manuscrit (scil. Vatic.) du XI<sup>e</sup> siècle, vraisemblablement de la première moitié de ce siècle.” 5) In indice auctorum. 6) P. 327. 7) *Fragm. Hist. Gr.* v, p. xii. 8) Cf. *Leon. Tact.* xix, 57. 9) Cf. p. 18. 10) Eiusdem sententiae est Martin, p. 328.

II. DE CODICIBUS <sup>1)</sup>

Inter eos codices, in quibus traditum est corpus, quo continentur Aeliani *Tactica*, Fragmentum Anonymum *Περὶ μέτρων*, Onasandri Strategicus, Urbicii-Mauricii Strategicus, Urbicii *Ἐπιτήδευμα*, Athenaei De machinis, Bitonis *Κατασκευαὶ πολεμικῶν ὀργάνων καὶ καταπελτικῶν*, Heronis *Χειροβαλλίστρας κατασκευὴ καὶ συμμετρία*, Heronis Belopoica, Apollodori Poliorcetica, *Κατασκευὴ ἐλεπόλεως κόρακος λεγομένης*, Philonis *Mechanicae Syntaxis* libri IV et V, Iulii Africani *Κεστοὶ*, Anonymi De obsidione toleranda, Parecbolae, *Στρατηγικὰ παραγγέλματα*, Leonis *Tactica*, Nicephori Phocae *Περὶ καταστάσεως ἀπλήκτου* <sup>2)</sup>, Nicephori Phocae De Velitatione bellica, longe vetustissimi sunt Vaticanus Gr. 1164, Barberinianus 276 (olim II, 97), qui olim unum codicem effecit cum Parisino Gr. 2442 <sup>3)</sup>, Escorialensis Y—III—11, qui olim unum codicem effecit cum Borbonico-Neapolitano III—C—26 <sup>4)</sup>. Ex his, praesertim ex Escor., reliquos codices id corpus continentes, qui multo recentiores sunt, omnes pendere iam diu inter viros doctos constat. Supervacaneum ergo existimo eos codices recentiores, in quibus invenitur opusculum de obsidione toleranda, enumerare <sup>5)</sup>. Nullus codex Anonymum integrum servavit.